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## EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 23, 2021  
Room 327C, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

Representative Mike Lefor, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**Members present:** Representatives Mike Lefor, Jason Dockter, Emily O'Brien, Matthew Ruby, Austen Schauer, Paul J. Thomas; Senators Howard C. Anderson, Jr., Dick Dever, Karen K. Krebsbach, Kristin Roers

**Members absent:** Representative LaurieBeth Hager and Senators Brad Bekkedahl and Richard Marcellais

**Others present:** Representative Zachary Ista, Grand Forks  
See [Appendix A](#) for additional persons present.

**It was moved by Representative Dockter, seconded by Representative Schauer, and carried on a voice that the minutes of the February 4, 2021, meeting be approved as distributed.**

### ACTUARIAL REVIEW

Chairman Lefor called on Representative Zachary Ista for comments ([Appendix B](#)) regarding House Bill No. 1435 [[21.0325.04000](#)], which provides for Public Employees Retirement System health benefits for survivors and dependents of emergency responders who die in the line of duty.

Chairman Lefor called on Mr. Scott Miller, Executive Director, Public Employees Retirement System, for technical comments ([Appendix C](#)) and presentation of the actuarial report ([Appendix D](#)) regarding House Bill No. 1435.

**It was moved by Representative Ruby, seconded by Representative Thomas, and carried on a roll call vote that the committee give a favorable recommendation on House Bill No. 1435.** Representatives Lefor, Dockter, O'Brien, Ruby, Schauer, and Thomas and Senators Anderson, Dever, Krebsbach, and Roers voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

### COMMITTEE WORK

Chairman Lefor called on Representative Ruby to comment on proposed amendments to House Bill No. 1209 [[21.0566.02000](#)], which would provide for a Legislative Management study of the Public Employees Retirement System defined benefit and defined contribution plans. He said the proposed amendments would be a hoghouse amendment that provides for the expansion of the defined contribution plan.

Chairman Lefor suggested Representative Ruby meet with leadership and work with Legislative Council staff to finalize his amendments.

**It was moved by Representative Dockter, seconded by Representative Ruby, and carried on a roll call vote that the committee take jurisdiction over the proposed amendments to House Bill No. 1209 once the amendments are in final form.** Representatives Lefor, Dockter, O'Brien, Ruby, Schauer, and Thomas and Senators Anderson, Dever, Krebsbach, and Roers voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

No further business appearing, Chairman Lefor adjourned the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

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